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LIC SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEME
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Life Insurance Corporation of India Limited (LIC) has launched any social security scheme catering to the needs of rural and urban poor in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to provide life insurance protection to more number of rural and urban poor people in the country?

Answer

Minister of State (Finance) (Shrimati Nirmala Sitharaman)

(a) and (b): Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) have not launched any Social Security Scheme. However, LIC administers Aam Admi Bima Yojana (AABY), Government of India's Social Security Scheme which provides life insurance protection to the rural and urban poor (including rural landless households) falling below or marginally above poverty line. It is a group insurance scheme which is implemented through Nodal Agencies such as Central Ministerial Departments/State Governments/UTs or any other institutionalized arrangement/ registered NGO.

The scheme provides insurance cover to the head of the family or one earning member in the family. The number of lives covered under this Social Security Scheme during last three years are as under:

Year	Lives Covered
2011-12	4,39,95,412
2012-13	4,81,18,653
2013-14	5,03,07,950

(c): For the purpose of making Insurance available to people belonging to vulnerable sections of society, including people living below the poverty line, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority had notified IRDA (Obligations of Insurers to Rural and Social Sectors) Regulations 2002, in accordance with which all insurers registered with IRDA cover a specific number of lives from these sectors. The Authority has also notified the Regulations for Micro Insurance Business in 2005 for meeting the insurance needs of low income population.